



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met for the despatch of business at 2.30 this afternoon. Present: His Excellency the Governor, Sir George F. Bowen; Hon. Sir Geo. Phillips, Chief Justice; Hon. W. H. Marsh, Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney-General; Hon. A. Lister, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. P. Ryrie, F. B. Johnson, J. M. Price and Dr. Stewart, non-official members. His Excellency entered the Council room leaning on Mr. Maguire, his private Secretary, and walking lame. The Chief Justice did not arrive until shortly after 3 o'clock. Before commencing business, the newly appointed Justices of the Peace were sworn in by Mr. Stewart-Lockhart, Clerk of Councils. After the minutes of the last meeting of Council were read and confirmed, His Excellency the Governor opened the proceedings by the following remarks:—"Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, as you are already aware, I had not contemplated meeting you again until the Colonial Legislature should have been re-constituted in the manner graciously sanctioned on my recommendation, by Her Majesty the Queen. In consequence, however, of the arrival of H.M.'s Order in Council formally authorising the reform already granted having been accidentally delayed, I have summoned you for the consideration of certain votes of public money, and for the despatch of other business of a pressing character, as set forth in the order of the day." Mr. Marsh then proposed that the following payments authorised in excess of the Estimates of 1883 be passed:—\$200 for watering streets; \$1,036.36, grant to Mr. Colquhoun towards cost of the exploration survey from British Burma to S.W. China, and from the north of Siam down the Menam valley to Bangkok; \$1,335.45 for furniture for Government House; \$1,700 for reconstruction of Wyndham Street sewer, in lieu of the votes approved by the Finance Committee on the 21st June 1883 for surface drains, &c., in Royal Mint and Pennington Streets; \$6,000 building grant to St. Joseph's College; \$355.58 for reprinting certain missing ordinances; \$100 as a honorarium to the Secretary to the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the alleged smuggling from Hongkong into China of opium and other goods; \$10, allowance to the Chief Clerk for Chinese teachers from 1st to 30th November; \$2,450 for repairs to engines, hose, &c., and \$200 for miscellaneous services in connection with roads, streets, and bridges. The votes were all duly passed by the Council, but Mr. F. B. Johnson drew attention to one, that of \$6,000, as a building grant to St. Joseph's College, sanctioned by the Secretary of State, and pointed out that all grants should be submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Council before being sent home for approval. It was not the practice for any honorable member to vote or speak against any proposal which had received the sanction of the Secretary of State, but unless their position was a thin and a face, and they were there only to register the conclusion of the Secretary of State, all proposals involving the expenditure of public money should come before them first, when every member should be allowed to vote according to his conscience. He was not prepared to offer any objection to the original vote of \$5,000 for St. Joseph's College, but he did object to the extra \$1,000 approved by the Secretary of State. Grants in aid were all very well so long as an educational test was properly settled, but when there was conflict on the point between the Government and the ecclesiastical authorities it was quite another thing. He would ask whether the Portuguese community were entirely satisfied with the education they received. He knew it was His Excellency's desire that the Council should have control of the public expenditure, and be allowed free and independent discussion. Mr. Marsh said he was out of the Colony when the Finance Committee meeting was held in which the vote of \$5,000 for St. Joseph's college was recommended. He submitted the application of the managers of the school to the Secretary of State, his reason for which would be found in a despatch from that official of 1879, from which he would read the following extracts:—"The expenditure upon education from public funds is considerable, but the whole ground is far from covered, and for this reason, if for no other, it is essential both to maintain the existing agencies (i.e. the Central School and the remainder of the government system) and also as far as possible to encourage voluntary effort." "I desire also that all grants proposed to be made in aid of other than government schools may be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval before any promise is made." He thought it right to submit the application to the Secretary of State, who, in reply, said he had no objection to grant \$5,000. On a subsequent report from Bishop Ramsay \$6,000 were granted. He (Mr. Marsh) saw no objection to Mr. Johnson's proposal being adopted. His Excellency the Governor said he was entirely agreed with the hon. member (Mr. Johnson), and that regulations would be introduced under which all votes would be considered in the first instance by the reconstituted Legislative Council. A remark by Dr. Stewart to the effect that he had no opportunity of finding out what the views of the Portuguese community were regarding education, closed the discussion initiated by Mr. Johnson. The Attorney-General then introduced the bill for the naturalisation of Lai Fong, J. A. Carvalho, Wong Shing, and H. J. Rodrigues, which were read a first time. Mr. Johnson asked permission to introduce for first reading a bill for the construction of certain piers and wharves in the harbor of Victoria, and a bill to amend the Tramways Ordinance, which was granted, the bills being read a first time. The hon. member then said he gave notice to the Clerk of Councils to leave to introduce an ordinance to enable Mr. C. P. Chater to construct piers and wharves in the harbor, but he saw no order in the book. Some discussion hereupon arose between Mr. Johnson, the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General as to the regularity of the proceedings, the required 3 days' notice not having been given, and no notice having been published in the Government Gazette, Mr. Johnson stoutly contending that he was quite in order. The Governor, to quorate matters, said he should summon another meeting next week, if that would suit Mr. Johnson. The honorable member persisted in declaring that he was not out of order in introducing the bill, simply to be read a first time, when the Attorney-General pointed out that the procedure was not in accordance with parliamentary rules. His Excellency said he thought the best way would be to appoint a Committee of the Council to revise the rules and assimilate them to parliamentary practice. It was arranged, after some discussion, to have another meeting of Council on Friday week, after the Christmas holidays, when the bill for the piers and wharves to be constructed by Mr. Chater could be brought forward.

TRANSLATIONS FROM JAPANESE PAPERS.

A rumour is current that the Government are desirous of reducing the number of National Banks to about fifty.

The cost of laying the telegraph cable between Japan and Korea is 28,500 yen, and of this sum the Korean Government offer to pay 30,500 yen.

A rumour is current that His Excellency Inouye will be appointed Minister to England, and that Mr. Mori, now in London, will succeed him as Foreign Minister.

His Imperial Highness Prince Arisugawa set on foot a subscription for the relief of the sufferers by the recent great earthquake in Italy, and about 6,000 yen were collected in Tokio.

It is a fact that the Finance Minister has recommended the Government to raise a loan of 25,000,000 yen at 6 per cent. The idea is to spend this money in railways and other public works.

Mr. Yoshida, assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, is engaged in the settlement of the Nagasaki trouble, and it is said that if he manages the matter satisfactorily he will succeed Mr. Inouye as Foreign Minister.

As it is supposed that many of the manuscripts preserved as writings of Emperors and Empresses are forgeries, the Household Department will make a critical examination of all these documents and ascertain which of them are genuine.

On the 5th ultimo a terrible storm was experienced at the Ogasawara Islands. At Chichi Jima, the principal island, 35 houses, including the official buildings, were destroyed, and great numbers of trees were blown down. The wind was even more violent on the other islands.

Yokkaichi is a good port for shipping, and the authorities of Miyu Ken desire to construct a large wharf to give vessels greater facilities for loading and discharging cargo. The estimated cost of the undertaking is 100,000 yen, and of this sum it is proposed that the inhabitants of Yokkaichi and Kuwana shall contribute 60,000 yen, other places in Miyu Ken 40,000 yen, and that the local treasury provide the remainder.

A correspondent in Seoul informs us that when the Korean Government wished to introduce a copper coinage a short time ago the project was strenuously opposed by several officials of great influence, and the scheme abandoned for the present. Paper money, it is thought, now issued instead. Preparatory to coining copper the Government made large purchases of that metal from the Japanese, but as they have ceased buying, some of our merchants who imported considerably to meet the expected demand have lost about 200,000 yen on the speculation.—Higo News.

It is reported that the *Fuso Kan* is under orders to sail for Annam.

H. H. Shotai, ex-King of the Riukiu Islands, will shortly return to his native country.

The Government, in order to encourage marine insurance business, will subscribe *yen* 400,000 toward the capital—*yen* 600,000—of the Tokyo Marine Insurance Company, which will shortly establish agencies at Kobe, Hakodate, and Niigata.

The accounts of the various departments and offices will be kept with great strictness in future. The receipts for every payment, even of two or three *sen*, are to be submitted to the Council of State in order to obtain the exact verification of the expenditure.

A Korean officer named Kim Ok-kyun, who came to Japan to purchase sailing ships for his Government, paid a visit to H. E. Inouye one day and requested the Minister to lend him the necessary funds. His Excellency refused to make the advance. Whereupon the Korean diplomatist said that he would go to some other country and raise the money. Since this he has not visited the Minister, and even refrained from attending the celebration of the Emperor's birthday, notwithstanding a cordial invitation.

Admiral Kawamura, Minister of Marine, has caused a strict investigation to be made into the cause of the death of twenty men, from fever on board the *Riuko Kan* on the occasion of her last foreign voyage. He expressed great sorrow for the loss of the men, and ordered those responsible to take precautionary measures to prevent the recurrence of such an event. Bad reasons are alleged to have been the cause of the fever. Accordingly, the Minister has issued instructions that, though economy is necessary, it must not be practised at the cost of health.

A report from Sado says that a great reform has been introduced into mining operations there. Hitherto twenty-five pits have been worked, and one thousand men were constantly employed. All but five pits have been closed, and many men have been dismissed. The number of officers has also been reduced. Altogether, the region looks as desolate as if a fire had passed over it. The members of the inhabitants engaged in trade, manufacture, and agriculture, and all the rest in the mining business. The consequence of the closing of the mines has been the impoverishment of the Sado islanders. The police are preparing for any outbreak that may occur. The rate of wages of the miners still employed has been reduced twenty per cent.

The following intelligence has been received from Korea:—A Chinese officer, by name Oshono, in the service of the Korean Government, is desirous of introducing the Christian religion into Korea. He forwarded a Chinese translation of the Bible to the Foreign Office, and explained to the officers that it is not a revelation of a corrupt religion. They were all horrified at finding that a believer in Christianity was in the service of their Government. The Chief Commissioner for Foreign Affairs threatened to memorize the King to expel the Chinese officer, who only escaped through the influence of the Prime Minister. New coins have been made their appearance in large quantities since the Spring. The prices of various articles have considerably advanced, it is to say, the new coins have depreciated. People do not like the new money, and decline to receive it otherwise than at a considerable discount. This is opposed to the intention of the Government, which has posted notices throughout the provinces ordering the Koreans to offer every facility for the circulation of the new coinage. Japanese trade shows no sign of improvement in Inchon. Koreans and Japanese complain of the disadvantages of their situation. The former attribute this to dishonest dealing on the part of Japanese

traders, who, according to the Koreans, resort to all sorts of chicanery. If Koreans buy import with gold bullion, they lose at least ten per cent at the outset. Indeed, they encounter a loss of from ten to one hundred per cent on every transaction. Hence, the decline in the trade—Japan Mail.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Ava*, Capt. Delpech, with the London Mails of the 9th ulto., arrived in harbour early this morning. We take the subjoined items of general news from the *London and China Express*:—

On the 3rd inst. the election for the rectorship of the University of Edinburgh took place, resulting in the following:—Sir S. Northcote, 1,035; Mr. G. O. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, 983; and Emeritus Professor Blackie, 236.

It is semi-officially stated that M. Patenotre, recently appointed French Minister to China, and who was to have departed for his post early last month, will not leave France till the final determination of China is known.

A disgraceful design to tar and feather the Lord Mayor of Dublin on the occasion of an intended visit to Trinity College has come to the knowledge of the authorities of that institution. His Lordship will not therefore attend the proposed meeting.

It is reported that the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia is to marry the Princess Marie Amelie, the eldest daughter of the Comte de Paris. The Grand Duke will in January next attain his thirty-fourth year. The Princess's age is eighteen. Four members of the Russian Imperial Family are now staying in Paris—to wit, the Grand Dukes Paul, Vladimir, Alexis, and Sergius.

A telegram from Madrid reports that the British North Borneo Company was severely criticised in the Geographical Congress on the 8th inst. The meeting pronounced, however, against any Spanish settlement in the island as impolitic for the present. Considering that the whole island is now claimed by various Powers, it would be hard to find where Spain would settle.

At the last monthly meeting of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce Mr. Guthrie gave in the report of the sub-committee appointed to raise subscriptions in connection with the Colquhoun Fund for the survey of a trade-route between British Burma and China through the Shan States. He stated that a sum of £111 is. had been received. It was resolved to forward this, less £3 3s. for miscellaneous expenditure, to Mr. Colquhoun. The Chairman (Mr. John McLaren), referring to the subscription, said it had not been so large as the directors had hoped its importance would have secured.

The Japanese admiral Ito, whose visit to Berlin and other places I recently reported, has left the capital for Dresden, whence he proceeded to Vienna to inspect the Electrical Exhibition there. The German Consul at Canton sent samples of such foreign imports for the Chinese markets as may be of interest for German industries. The Minister of Trade, after inspecting this collection, handed it over to the syndicate of the Chamber of Commerce at Berlin, the latter to take care of its becoming known all over the empire. The Prussian Minister of Trade at the same time has issued a memorandum based upon a report from the German Consul at Tientsin, which states that delicate machinery, as well as general merchandise, which is liable to be injured by dust, sea-water, &c., should not be shipped for China otherwise than in well soldered and hermetically closed tin boxes, enclosed in strong wooden cases.

The *Gazette* of the 6th inst. publishes a notification as follows:—Foreign Office, July 1, 1883.—The following to be substituted for the notice which appeared in the *Gazette* of July 13, 1883.—The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Harry Smith Parkes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., now Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary, and Consul-General to the Mikado of Japan to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of China. The notification in the *Gazette* of July 13 read as follows:—The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Harry Smith Parkes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., now Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary, and Consul-General to the Mikado of Japan, to be Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of China, and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China. Our readers will observe that the notification is the discontinuation of the words "Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China." We believe no significance is to be attached to the term being eliminated, as it is now considered obsolete.

An election to the Davis Chinese Scholarship will be held in January, 1884. The examination will begin on Monday, January 1st, in the Senate. The scholarship is open to all members of the University who on the day of election shall not have exceeded the 28th term from their matriculation. The subjects of examination will be the first ten chapters of the Fourth Book of Mencius, Part I., both text and commentary; the Memorial of Han Yu against Buddhism; the Epistle to Philémon in what is called "the Delegates' Version;" translation into Chinese; the nature and analysis of characters; and the history and topography with the names of the Chinese Empire. The scholarship is of the annual value of £50, terminally, and tenable for two years, the day of election. In the event of an election being postponed because the electors shall not think any of the candidates worthy of the scholarship, the electors have power, if they think fit, to grant the stipend of £50, or any less sum, under the name of an exhibition.

A swift-cruising twin-screw frigate, the *Chicago*, is being built for the American Navy by the firm of Mr. John Roach, of Chester, Penn. The *Chicago* is to be built of mild steel throughout, and with wood sheathing, and will contain the latest improvements in naval construction and ordnance. Her battery will consist of four 8-inch high-power breech-loaders, weighing about 12 tons each, and throwing a projectile of 40 lbs. in weight. The guns are mounted in projecting half-turrets on the main deck, the centre of the turrets being about 20 feet 3 inches above the water. The turrets are unarmoured, and the guns fire in large open ports. Protection for the men is afforded by shields on the guns. The train of the forward guns will be 3 degrees across the bow, to 60 degrees abaft the beam. Similarly, the after guns—six 6-inch breech-loading guns of about a ton weight and carrying a projectile of 100 lbs.—will be mounted on each broadside on the gun-deck, training 60 degrees before and abaft the beam. The deck has also been so arranged that two additional 6-inch guns can be mounted at any time, if found desirable. One 6-inch will be mounted in a recessed gun-port on each bow, with a train of 5 degrees across the bow to 55 degrees abaft the beam. Two 5-inch guns carrying a projectile of 60 lbs. will be also two 27 mm. and two 37 mm. Hotchkiss revolving cannon mounted in fixed bullet-proof towers.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [940]

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POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

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RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

GENERAL NOTICE.**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)**

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$333,333.33
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [670]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

A SECOND and FINAL BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per SHARE for the year 1882, will be Payable on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1883. [794]

To be Let.**TO LET.**

"BISNEE VILLA" Pokfulum, Furnished.

No. 25, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.**
Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

OFFICES and COMPARTMENTS QUARTERS in MARINE HOUSE.

No. 17, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. FRANKIE HORMUSJEE & Co.

Possession 16th January, 1884.

Apply to**E. R. BELILIOS,**

Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [934]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS at No. 14, YEE WO STREET, East Point. For Particulars, enquire on the Premises.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1883. [914]

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 15, Queen's Road Central.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

FOR SALE.**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**

Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [607]

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing, and the Piano-forte.

CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.

Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [168]

For Sale.**CHRISTMAS, 1883.****LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**

have received, and have now on view, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES, ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS, AND FANCY GOODS.

Comprising:—

REAL TURTLE SOUP, SALMON CUTLETS, KIPPERED SALMON, HERRINGS A LA SARDINES, SARDINES AU CITRON, HERRINGS IN WHITE WINE, DACKEREL IN WHITE WINE, FRENCH TRUFFLES, ASSORTED ENGLISH PATTIES, PATE DE FOIE GRAS, TRUFFLED CHICKENS IN JELLY, FRENCH TINNED LARKS, ASSORTED FRENCH PATES, ASPARAGUS, PETITS POIS, CHAMPIGNONS, PUDDING & SULTANA RAISINS, PEEL FOR MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS HAMS, CHRISTMAS CAKES, PLUM PUDDINGS, RICE STILTONS, FORT DU SALUT CHEESE, CRUVE CHEESE, GORGONZOLA CHEESE, DOUBLE GLOSTER CHEESE, FRENCH PLUMS, FRUITS IN NOYEAU AND BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, ELVA'S PLUMS, MUSCATEL RAISINS, BARCELONA & BRAZIL NUTS, BEST FRENCH CONFECTIONERY, BONBONS & DRAJES, BONBONNIERS FOR XMAS TREES, FRENCH CHOCOLATES, NEWEST COSAQUES & CRACKERS, FRENCH & ENGLISH TOYS, MECHANICAL TOYS, ELECTRIC TOYS, FRENCH & ENGLISH DOLLS, OUT-DOOR GAMES, XMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS, JEWEL CASES, FANCY PIPES & CIGAR TUBES, FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS, WORK BAGS & BASKETS, PERFUME CASES, NEW EMBOSSED STATUARY, AFTERNOON TEA SERVICES, TETE-A-TETE SETS, CHINA FIGURES & VASES, DUPLEX LAMPS IN NEWEST DESIGNS, CHILDREN'S ANNUALS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, CABINET & SCRAP ALBUMS, MENU & GUEST CARDS, OSLER'S ARTISTIC CHINA & GLASS-WARE, FLOWER BRACKETS & BASKETS, PRETTY TEA & COFFEE SETS, FLOWER STANDS, TABLE DECORATIONS, LATEST DESIGNS & SHADES, A HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM FOUNTAIN, NEW ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, COFFEE & TEA SERVICES, SALAD BOWLS & HELPERS, EPERGNE, FLOWER & FRUIT STANDS, NEW CENTRE PIECES, DESSERT SETS, WACHTER'S ROYAL CHARTER CHAMPAGNE, DEUTZ & GELDERMANN'S GOLD LACK CHAMPAGNE, KRUG'S PRIVATE CUVÉE CHAMPAGNE, LEMOINE'S VIN BRUT CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING MOSELE, CHOICE BORDEAUX WINES, AFTER DINNER PORT, BURGUNDIES, HOCKS, LIQUEUR BRANDIES & WHISKIES, LIQUEURS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1883. [902]

XMAS! XMAS! XMAS!!!**KOCH & Co.**

No. 15 & 17, POTTINGER STREET, THE LATEST NOVELTY OUT.

AUTOMATIC WATER FOUNTAINS.

COME AND SEE, AND SATISFY YOURSELVES.

THE latest invention of the age; suitable for Parlour, Drawing Room or Conservatory. No Smell! No Smoke! No Danger! These WATER FOUNTAINS are the result of a long series of scientific experiments only just arrived at the acme of perfection. The motor power consists of a miniature engine propelled by hot air generated by a spirit lamp. The force of the engine is sufficient to raise a jet of water several feet in the air, being regulated, as far as ten feet, by the raising or lowering of the flame of the lamp. It takes but a few minutes to set the machine in motion. No special attention required, save to trim the lamp once in 24 hours. The Fountains are of tasteful design and are arranged for the reception of aquatic plants, or an aquarium, to suit the pleasure of the possessor, and are made as strong and durable as iron, glass, and wood can make them. Will last a lifetime and cannot get out of order. Call and Satisfy Yourself.

KOCH & Co.,
No. 15 & 17, Pottinger Street,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [923]

FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET in Cases of 1 doz. Quarts at.....\$3.50

WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS in Cases of 12 Bottles at.....\$6.00

Also, Some PRIME HOLLAND Jenever in Stone Bottles, and some POMERANZEN BITTERS.

Double Barreled Breach Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c.

Very Fresh ITALIAN CONDENSED MILK in Cases of 4 Dozens, at \$6.50 per Case.

J. F. SCHEFFER,
21 and 23, Pottinger Street,
Hongkong, 16th November, 1883. [862]

Antimations.**SAYLE & CO.****FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.**

WE have just received and are now showing the following NEW GOODS.

NEW DESIGNS IN BRUSSELS CARPETS with BORDERS & RUGS to Match.

A large and choice assortment of AXMINSTER and SKIN HEARTH RUGS.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS and PILLOWS.

TRAVELLING RUGS in great variety.

A large stock of BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.

Ebony and Walnut COAL VASES.

Single and Double PERAMBULATORS.

The New "PATENT AIR LAMPS."

AUSTRIAN BENTWOOD FURNITURE.

FLOORCLOTHS for Halls, Rooms, and Passages.

COCOA MATTINGS, all widths.

COIR MATS, &c., &c., &c.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [1730]

UNDER the heading "Exhibits to the Cork Exhibition, Ireland," "THE CORK CONSTITUTION, No. 413,025, dated Saturday, July 14th 1883, says:—

MESSRS. TURNBULL JUNR. & SOMERVILLE,

"Valletta, Malta, exhibit in a tastefully arranged case, samples of their famous 'Kaisar-i-Hind' Cigarettes, and inasmuch as a revolution in the habit of smoking is now setting in, this exhibit should prove attractive to all lovers of the 'fragrant weed.' Instead of strong Tobacco, often used in too strong pipes and full flavoured Cigars, the mild Cigarette is rapidly coming into vogue. Those now on view in the Exhibition are highly spoken of by the Press, vendors, and smokers."

SOLE AGENCY.**"NOVELTY STORE,"**

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1883. [1731]

XMAS!! XMAS!! XMAS!!!

ARE SHOWING TOYS, AND LATEST NOVELTIES IN

FANCY GOODS, FROM PARIS, EX LAST FRENCH MAIL.

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [1736]

KELLY & WALSH.

ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR NEW SEASON'S GOODS SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TARANTULA Spirit Sets in Oak and Walnut, Nickel Mounted and Cut Glass Bottles.

Tarantula Perfume Sets, in Nickel and Gold, and Mexican Onyx and Gilt.

Plush and Walnut Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.

Very Handsome Wortley Writing Cabinets, completely fitted.

Vienna Work Baskets and Card Receivers, Satin lined and embroidered.

Powerful Mahogany Graphoscopes.

Combination Anemids and Time Pieces.

Fitted Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.

New Designs in Photo and Scrap Albums.

Plush Wall Brackets and Wall Pockets.

Photo Frames in Plush, Velvet, Ormolu, Onyx, &c.

Cigar and Cigarette Cases, beautifully embroidered.

Ladies' Hand Bags in Plush and Leather.

Novelties in Fans.

Book Stands in Walnut and Oak—Nickel Mounted.

Beautifully Bound Church Services, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, &c.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG

Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [1760]

W. B. BREWER.

IS NOW SHEWING

A VERY Elegant Assortment of FANCY GOODS, consisting of the NEW VIENNA WICKER WORK GOODS beautifully trimmed and fitted, comprising:

Large Useful WORKBASKETS in entirely new shapes, lined and fitted.

WALL POCKETS & HANDBASKETS trimmed with "Chiffelle Gold Lace & Velvet."

A New Stock of LADIES' HAND BAGS in Plush, Satin, Russia and Morocco Leather.

The NEW BRASS WARE in a number of useful Articles, Inkstands, Card Trays, Watch Stands, Smokers Sets, Photograph Frames, &c., &c.

PLUSH GOODS.—New Designs in Writing Cases, Ladies' Companions, fitted, Blotting Books, Photograph Cases, Large Promenade Photo Frames, &c.

WOOD GOODS.—Oak Writing Desks, Walnut Writing Desks, Workboxes and Inkstands.

LEATHER GOODS.—Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Pocket Books, Letter and Card Cases, Purse, Photo Albums, Writing Cases, Ball Programmes, Indicators, Dressing Cases, &c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

A VERY FINE LOT JUST RECEIVED.

LET'S DIARIES! RUDDY OLD BLOCK! NEW MECHANICAL TOYS! W. BREWER, QUEEN'S ROAD. [1787]

Amusements.**THEATRE ROYAL,**

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

DAVIS & D'ANGELIS.....LESSSES.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

THE 19TH DECEMBER.

THE LOFTUS TROUPE

WILL PRESENT THE CELEBRATED

ADELPHI SUCCESS

"FRITZ,"

OUR COUSIN GERMAN,

As performed with great success by The Loftus Troupe in the Principal Cities of India, Africa, and Australia.

CAST.

Fritz (a German Emigrant).....Mr. JEFF. D'ANGELIS.

Colonel Craffon.....Mr. C. J. BARNIER.

Josie (a Bowerly Boy).....Mr. F. W. OAKLAND.

Snow (a Negro Servant).....Mr. J. W. ALLEN.

Squashie (a Negro).....Mr. J. W. ALLEN.

Clerk of the Court.....Mr. F. W. OAKLAND.

Schneider (Fritz's Son).....Miss DOLLY LOFTUS.

Louise (afterwards) Miss FLORENCE CON-LENA).....LIFE.

Mary (a Quadroon).....Miss MINNIE NORDT.

Miss Craffon.....Miss MYRA SUDONS.

Katrina.....Miss VICTORIA LOFTUS.

TABLEAU 1.

SCENE 1.—Fritz's arrival by Ship at Castle Garden, N. Y.—The Stealing of Katrina.

TABLEAU 2.

The Rescue.—Fritz out—The Colonel at Home.—"DO YOU THINK A DUTCHMAN IS A D—FOOL?"

TABLEAU 3.

FRITZ AT HOME

SONG—"HOW TO MAKE SOUR KROUT!" I know you was fooling.

TABLEAU 4.

Doi Toy Harmonic.

THE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE GARDEN.

The Vision of Lena—The Recognition—Fritz finds a long-lost Sister—The Arrest.

TABLEAU 5.

THE GREAT TRIAL SCENE.

The Fox Caught in his own Trap—Fritz Triumphant—Dot-ist-Goot.

TABLEAU 6.

Fritz's Home—Clouds and Sunshine—The Friendly Visit—Fritz and his Boy Schneider, with Song and Dance.

How You Vas?—Thieves around Katrina—Terrible situation of Child—The Child's Fate—The Rescue—Fritz comes in time.

FINALE "SCHNEIDER HOW YOU VAS,"

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, where seats may be secured.

J. CHAS. DAVIS,

Manager.

BARTLEY O'BRIEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [935]

Auctions.**PUBLIC AUCTION**

OF

OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, BRONZES,

JADES, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will offer for Sale by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 31st December, 1883, the Sale commencing at 10.30 A.M., pausing at NOON, and resuming at 2 P.M.—

A VERY FINE AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF

OLD CHINA WARE, CURIOS, &c.

The same having just arrived in this Colony from the North of China, being a very careful and valuable collection made in Peking and the Northern Provinces of China, and comprising

OLD MING LACQUER, OLD PORCELAINS, from the MING DYNASTY, the reigns of the Emperors KANG-HI, YUNG-CHUEN and KIEN-LUNG IN FIVE COLOURED AND BLUE and WHITE VASES; JARS, DISHES, PLATES, BOWLS, PURE BLACK KANG-HI and BLACK and GOLD KIEN-LUNG VASES, SANG DE BEUF and BRAMBLES PORCELAINS;

OLD BRONZES, BAMBOO CARVINGS, and a quantity of very fine JADE, OLD PEKIN ENAMELS (CLOISONNE) CURIOS, &c.

And some good specimens of PORCELAINS of more modern manufacture.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on THURSDAY, the 20th instant.

TERMS OF SALE. As customary.By order of the Auctioneer, **G. R. LAMBERT,**

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [915]

D. R. GRIFFITH,

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON

AERATED WATER.

BEACONSFIELD, ENGLAND.

(Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. E. CHASTEL's

SODA WATER FACTORY, is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SPECIAL SUPERIOR QUALITY.

G. U. A. R. A. N. T. E. D.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully manufactured Waters.

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be addressed to The Factory, BEACONSFIELD, ENGLAND.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [179]

Shipping.**STEAMERS.****THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.****FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)**